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REMARKS

The Office action mailed January 24, 2006, set forth an election requirement, alleging that the disclosure was directed to two distinct species of claimed invention. The Office Action alleged that Embodiment 1 was directed to a structure of a clip 13, as shown in figures 1 and 2, and that

Applicant hereby elects embodiment 1. Claims 1-18 read on this embodiment, and Applicant further submits that claim 1 is generic to both embodiments.

Embodiment 2 was directed to a second structure of a clip 62, as shown in figures 7a and 7b.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass those claims to issuance. If the Examiner believes a teleconference will expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 770-933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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